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their health is conserved and their children may be born into a safe environment.

The majority of New York's population in the districts affected by infantile paralysis will not easily become indifferent again to their surroundings. A long step forward has been taken toward cleaner and more sanitary living, and material improvement will result from the spiritual upheaval in the lives of the people through this menace to their children.

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### THE NEED OF TRAINED PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

The first thing that is needed to carry on health work of any kind, whether it is tuberculosis or otherwise, in every community, is organization, not a charitable affair which is made up of a few interested citizens, but boards of health, properly organized, competently manned, sufficiently financed by local or state government and built up along the lines of efficiency. Prevention of disease is a business proposition. If we expect the business to bring results, the organization must be built up on a business basis, with men and women in charge who are trained in the business. Short of that, we can never hope to get results.

We need the organization first before we should proceed to do things. We need competent individuals in control who make themselves responsible for working out the details of a complicated problem. If we were to start in the business of manufacturing a commercial product with the expectation of making a handsome profit, we would first of all demand that the undertaking be properly organized and that individuals be placed in charge who are qualified. If we expect to get results in health matters, we must organize the health supervision of every community, on a business basis. The work must be taken out of the hands of the incompetent and placed in the hands of trained individuals. I consider health protection far more important than either police or fire protection, and yet we are spending from \$1 to \$2.50 per capita annually for fire protection; from 50 cents to \$2 for police protection and only from 1 cent to about 20 cents per capita for health protection. What can you expect from health organizations which are dependent for success upon charity, upon time stolen from other business, and upon inefficiency?—*From a paper read by Dr. William DeKleine before the Michigan State Nurses' Association*